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### **CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUES \$300,000 COMPLAINT TO THE CITY OF ANTIOCH AND SOMERSVILLE-GENTRY INC., ANTIOCH LANDFILL, FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER**

The Central Valley Water Board Executive Officer has issued an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint to the City of Antioch and Somersville-Gentry Inc., in the amount of \$300,000 for failure to complete corrective actions to prevent erosion of wastes including hazardous wastes into Markley Creek in violation of Cleanup and Abatement Order R5-2002-0735.

The Old Antioch Landfill is a closed landfill located on both sides of Markley Creek. The landfill operated from the 1920s until 1968 and accepted burned and unburned municipal solid waste. In recent years, stream bank erosion has exposed and released landfill wastes into the creek. Investigations have determined that releases of waste have left hazardous concentrations of metals in Markley Creek stream sediment. The exposed landfill waste and presence of landfill waste in the streambed is a potential public health hazard in an area with nearby residential development.

On 2 January 2003 the Executive Officer issued Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R5-2002-0735 requiring the City of Antioch, Tom Gentry California Co. and GBF Holdings LLC to complete corrective actions on their respective properties to prevent further releases of waste. GBF Holdings LLC completed corrective actions and submitted a final report on 27 April 2004. The City of Antioch and Somersville-Gentry Inc. (successor to Tom Gentry California Co.) failed to submit a final plan or complete corrective actions to cleanup their properties.

Unless the City of Antioch and Somersville-Gentry Inc. waive their right to a hearing and pay the civil liability, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is scheduled to consider the Complaint at its regular board meeting on September 21-22, 2006.